

# Cottonwood Heights NEWS JOURNAL

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## City Council Article

Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr. - MAYOR

### WILLOW CREEK ANNEXATION

Under Utah State statute, annexation of an unincorporated area into a municipality is determined by the citizens of the area to be annexed. In other words, except for some very limited circumstances, a city in Utah cannot unilaterally annex any area into its municipal boundaries. Instead, the area is required to petition for annexation.

In November 2009, Cottonwood Heights received formal notice of intent to annex from a group of citizens residing in the unincorporated area known as Willow Creek. This group had been studying the issue for many months and believed, in their opinion, that annexing into Cottonwood Heights would best serve the interests of their neighborhoods. They determined to launch an annexation effort. Willow Creek is a community of about 750 homes plus the Willow Creek Country Club.

Some have asked why a choice was not given to annex into Sandy. The annexation process does not provide that kind of option. The choice being presented to residents of Willow Creek is to remain in the unincorporated county or annex into Cottonwood Heights. The method by which the choice is made is in deciding whether to sign the petition to annex. A signature is a vote in favor of annexation. Refusing to sign is a vote to remain in the unincorporated county. To have an option of annexing into Sandy will require that a citizen's group follow the same procedures with Sandy that the current sponsors have done with Cottonwood Heights.

There is no formal vote on annexation. A signature is the vote. To qualify for annexation, the sponsors must collect signatures equal to 50% of the private property ownership in the proposed annexation area equaling at least one-third of the assessed value of the

property within the proposed annexation area. Once achieved, the petitions are submitted to the city of choice as a formal request for annexation. Annexations become effective on July 1st or January 1st. The process of gathering signatures is now underway for possible annexation into Cottonwood Heights.

Cottonwood Heights' leaders welcome the Willow Creek area's interest in our City. We believe we have a thriving, dynamic City that can serve the needs of Willow Creek residents very well. That said, we respect the right of self-determination. That is why the process is set up the way it is. Annexation must be determined by the majority of property owners in the area.

There are many reasons Willow Creek residents should seriously consider annexation into Cottonwood Heights.

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## Chief's CORNER



Chief Robby Russo

Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD) is committed to protecting its citizens as well as responding to all of their public safety needs. During 2009, there were 254 DUI arrests made by CHPD officers. Since the department was organized in September, 2008, 351 DUI arrests (an average of 22 per month) have been made. However, arrests and enforcement do not tell the whole story of CHPD's commitment to keeping the streets safe from impaired drivers.

CHPD has also collaborated with local bars by loaning Portable Breath Testing units (PBT's) for use at the bar. This program is to educate patrons of where their alcohol levels are while viewing sporting events, enjoying a meal, or just visiting with friends. The concept is not new. It has proven effective in combating the problem through proactive education as well as effective enforcement.

It is interesting to observe patrons sidling up to the bar and asking for a PBT

before going out to their cars. One "thirty-something" woman said she thought she was all right to drive and didn't feel that drunk. After testing at .139, she was shocked at how high her alcohol level was. Another couple, both of whom blew into the PBT before leaving, called a cab rather than chance a life altering drunk driving arrest or accident. This is gratifying to officers who would rather make zero arrests for impaired driving if they knew some self-policing was going on in the bar.

Cottonwood Heights' residents have reported noticing an increase in police presence in all aspects of law enforcement since CHPD was formed. Comments have been made about how many traffic stops are made, as well as how officers and police cars seem ubiquitous in our City. This perception of increased presence is not because there are more officers than other cities. In fact, the ratios are very similar at about .8 officers per thousand citizens (which is a little below the nationally recommended average). The answer is that the CHPD officers consider Cottonwood Heights as their City, their streets, their homes, their associates, and their citizens, all of which they are sworn to protect. They know they won't be transferred to another precinct or area of the valley. They now have an adopted home for each of the 35 officers, and they will likely work here

the rest of their careers. The officers want to be held to high standards and to be accountable to the citizens. They are delighted to work here.

The increase in traffic stops and DUI arrests boils down to this: When officers are patrolling streets and neighborhoods in which they have ownership, they are more diligent in watching for burglars, car prowlers, drug dealers and thieves. They also know that those who would commit crimes in our City have to get from one place to another and they usually do that in cars. These drivers and cars often have warrants, expired plates, headlights missing, etc. These minor traffic violations result in stops in which officers are able to check further into their reasons for being in City neighborhoods. CHPD makes nearly 12 warrant arrests per month from traffic stops for equipment violations or speeding.

**Since Sept 2008,  
351 DUI arrests have  
been made**

There have also been 1241 collisions in the last 16 months. Citations, ideally, will lower the number of collisions; and,

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For the planning commission agenda call 944-7004

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*The following should be major factors in that decision:*

1. **Taxes** – Taxes are lower in Cottonwood Heights than in Salt Lake County. The recent announcement by the County of new fees being imposed on residents of the unincorporated areas for police services illustrates this fact. To see a comparison of the municipal taxes for your specific property, go to Cottonwood Heights' or Sandy's websites and use the tax calculator provided. This tax calculator compares the municipal tax burden for Sandy, Cottonwood Heights, and the County. The calculator has been reviewed by all entities and is determined to fairly represent the tax burden imposed by each.
2. **Services** – When an emergency arises, citizens want an immediate and professional response. The Cottonwood Heights Police Department has an average response time of 4-5 minutes to emergency calls. This is significant improvement compared to response times just prior to the formation of CHPD. Willow Creek is an unincorporated island with the nearest Sheriff's substation in Holladay or White City (not including Canyon Patrol). We believe the level of public safety services for Willow Creek will be much higher as part of Cottonwood

Heights because we have the nearest public safety services to Willow Creek. In addition to police, we provide fire and emergency medical, animal control, and public works services for our residents. A recent Dan Jones survey indicates the majority of citizens are pleased with the level of services we provide.

3. **Local Representation** – One of the benefits to citizens since we incorporated five years ago has been easy access to elected officials. Most people know their elected officials and can contact them directly to discuss concerns. Direct access to elected officials stands in stark contrast to working through an advisory board called a community council or trying to directly access a representative who does not live in your community. A community council does not provide representation in County Government. It has no vote in County decisions and does not have control or even a vote regarding taxation, planning and zoning, or municipal services. The elected officers and staff of Cottonwood Heights are local and accessible decision-makers.
4. **Identity** – While some may feel the Willow Creek designation is sufficient identity, affiliation with a city further enhances the sense of identity as a community and allows greater participation in local

government. Willow Creek would be a more significant part of Cottonwood Heights than the County or Sandy; and, it is optional whether one uses their current Sandy mailing address or changes it to Cottonwood Heights.

There are a few additional factors to consider: Cottonwood Heights is the largest City in the state that is debt free, and the only City in the County that does not assess taxes on utilities or telecommunications. We have been recognized for three consecutive years for excellence in budgeting. We were recently given a national award from FEMA for our emergency preparedness efforts; and Money Magazine recognized us two years ago as a top 100 city in the country.

These accolades are a reflection of the type of citizens that comprise this community. We welcome Willow Creek to be part of that citizenry. We believe all will agree that the value proposition of paying less in taxes for improved services is a compelling reason to seriously consider annexation. The beauty of the process is that it is the property owners' choice. Just know that the residents of Willow Creek are welcome in Cottonwood Heights if they so choose.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

*This month the NEWS JOURNAL calls attention to members of our community who have gained publicity for accomplishments, both planned and spontaneous.*

**Tanya Schroeder:** According to CHDP Officer and PIO Beau Babka, this lady is a hero. She saved the life of a 5 year old neighbor girl who was being attacked by a Pit Bull. The 90-pound dog tore through a fence of wood and chain link and attacked the little girl by jumping onto her back and biting her on the neck. Mrs. Schroeder, not much more than 90 lbs. herself, heard the screams and immediately ran out and jumped on the Pit Bull to free the little. The girl and her two friends, Mrs. Schroeder's daughters, ran into the house. It then took Mrs. Schroeder some time to fight off the dog and get to safety herself. She did reach the house but not before losing part of an ear and suffering numerous other bites.

Mrs. Schroeder will be honored at an American Red Cross Heroes Luncheon at the Salt Palace Grand Ballroom on March 3rd.

**Monika Kowalski:** Monika's 7th grade Reflections entry in the Visual Art category was recently selected as a National Award winner by the National PTA. The winning entry was entered last year in the annual Reflections Contest. Monika was notified in November that her entry was selected to be hung with more than 40 pieces of Reflections artwork in a special exhibit at the U. S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Monika is currently in the 8th grade at Butler Middle School and is the only student from Salt Lake County to be honored for her Reflections painting "Castle of Wonder."

**Carl "Pink" Evans:** Captain Carl "Pink" Evans recently retired from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff for more than 30 years and in numerous capacities. At retirement he was a Captain with supervisory responsibilities. Carl is a resident of Cottonwood Heights and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area.

## Now Available

### FEDERALLY BACKED FLOOD INSURANCE

After months of working on an application and filling in all of the blanks, Cottonwood Heights has joined over 20,500 communities nationwide where residents are allowed to purchase federally backed flood insurance. This decision follows the City's adoption and enforcement of ordinances to reduce flood losses and acceptance by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The City is now a participant in the NFIP effective as of September 2009. Residents of Cottonwood Heights will be able to purchase flood insurance up to the limits under the Regular Phase of the program. However, there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage goes into effect. For single-family dwellings, the building coverage limit is \$250,000 and the contents coverage limit is \$100,000. Renters can also protect their belongings by purchasing contents coverage. For commercial properties, the building and contents coverage limits are both \$500,000.

Lenders must require borrowers whose properties are located in designated flood hazard areas to purchase flood insurance as a condition of receiving a federally backed

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## Chief's CORNER

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with increased enforcement, there will be fewer collisions.

Citizens have requested dozens of individual enforcement details on their streets. We have responded to each complaint with our mandate for traffic safety at school zones, neighborhoods, and commuter streets. Being accountable has been an important part of our success. Another aspect of all these stops is that almost 50% of the stops end in a warning or fix-it ticket. I am proud to be a part of this community of police officers and honored to work in our City. Thank you for the opportunity to serve here.

(Sgt. Scott Peck has been with CHPD since May of 2008. He retired from SLCPD just prior to coming to Cottonwood Heights where he became a Sergeant and assisted with

the organization and training of the department prior to the Sept. 1, 2008, start-up date. He is currently the Day Sergeant and supervises seven patrol officers during their daily shifts. He also heads the Motorcycle Division for the City. Sgt. Peck recently wrote a letter to Chief Robby Russo with the observations reported above.)



Sergeant Scott Peck



### UTA Announces Route Changes

It was recently announced by UTA that some of the routes serving Cottonwood Heights will be modified in 2010. Effective April 4, some mid-day trips will be eliminated from routes 307, 313, and 354.

**The details follow:**

**Route 307** – elimination of the 4:05 pm and 5:50 pm trips

**Route 313** – elimination of the 5:25 pm and 5:37 pm trips

**Route 354** – elimination of the 4:00 pm and 5:53 pm trips

A public hearing on these changes was held on February 1st. Those desiring to comment may still do so in writing to [hearingofficer@rideuta.com](mailto:hearingofficer@rideuta.com)

### A Proclamation

**of appreciation and recognition to Gary Harmer for his service to the residents of Cottonwood Heights as City Treasurer and Budget Officer:**

**WHEREAS**, Cottonwood Heights became an incorporated City on January 14, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer, a resident of Cottonwood Heights, voluntarily prepared the new City Council's first budget and spent many hours teaching them about municipal budgeting and the vagaries of projecting tax income; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer was appointed by City Manager Liane Stillman, with consent of the City Council, to serve as Treasurer and Budget Officer for the newly formed City; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer was given numerous assignments related to various aspects of budgeting as the City's officials and staff assumed their responsibilities for providing municipal services to the 36,000 residents of the new City; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer excelled in his statutory duties as City Treasurer and his administrative duties as City Budget Officer in the preparation of annual budgets and the administration of those budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer served in both of these capacities and as a volunteer, in an exemplary manner for more than five years until January 31, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, During that time, Cottonwood Heights was presented three annual "Distinguished Budget Awards" for outstanding budgeting practices as determined by the Government Finance Officers Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer was honored with the "2009 Best of State Award" as an appointed official in the State of Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Harmer is highly esteemed by his fellow staff members and the elected officials of Cottonwood Heights for his part in managing City finances such that at his retirement the City is debt-free with a strong financial base and having significant fund balances for operations and capital projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, Cottonwood Heights is indebted to and appreciative of Gary Harmer for his service to the City and its citizens as Guardian of the Treasury during his five years of outstanding service as its first-ever City Treasurer and Budget Officer.

Signed and Presented this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2010, by:

Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr.  
Mayor

Liane Stillman  
City Manager



**Gary Harmer**, first City Treasurer and Budget Officer for Cottonwood Heights, retired the end of January after more than five years of untiring effort in helping the City achieve financial stability. He will be missed by staff and elected officials, both for his financial expertise and for his gentlemanly and pleasant disposition. The following proclamation was written for and presented to Gary in City Council meeting on January 26th.

### Flood Insurance Cont'd

mortgage loan in accordance with the Federal Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

The NFIP is implemented through FEMA. There are over 5.5 million flood insurance policies in more than 20,500 participating communities nationwide. Those desiring additional, more detailed information should contact John Crofts, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator for Utah. He can be reached at 801-538-3332 or in writing at Utah Emergency Management, State Office Building, Room 1110, Salt Lake City, UT 84114 or by email at [jcrofts@utah.gov](mailto:jcrofts@utah.gov).

FLOOD INSURANCE



## NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

With some terms ending and a resignation during the past three months, three new planning commissioners are now fully involved in the work of the City Planning Commission. This group of nine members (seven voting) is the most powerful appointed commission in the City. They consider many land-use issues and cases dealing with regulation of land-use (permitted and conditional uses according to established code). They make final decisions. Other issues, legislative in nature (zone changes), are handled first by the Planning Commission, then on to the City Council with their recommendation of the action to take.

Planning Commissioners generally meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings; however, this schedule varies with the work load of the planning department. The Commission selects their own chair and are staffed by Michael Black, City Planning Director, and Morgan Brim, City Planner. City Attorney Shane Topham also attends their meetings.

### ***The new Commissioners, Bio's are as follows:***

**Jennifer F. Shah** – Dr. Shah lives in District #4 and has special interest in planning and zoning issues east of Wasatch Blvd. She is a 2006 graduate of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque with a Ph.D. in Biology. She is currently doing Postdoctoral work through Duke University.

She brings to the commission a professional background with emphasis in Biological Ecology and other environmental matters. In her own words, she is “an ecologist, [who] will provide objective scientific information to the Planning Commission regarding the effects of proposed land uses on wildlife, habitat, and water quality.” She further stated that she seeks win-win scenarios designed to benefit all citizens of Cottonwood Heights in terms of economic prosperity and quality of life. She is also knowledgeable about Brownfields Redevelopment, mixed-use urban design, and green design of both commercial and residential construction. Dr. Shah belongs to a number of national professional organizations and has authored and co-authored many articles in professional journals.

**Joseph L. Scott** – Joe Scott is a general contractor who has built homes throughout Cottonwood Heights. He currently owns and operates Scott Development, Inc., and Universal Coating Products, Inc. He attended the University of Utah between 1970 and 1976 where he studied Business Administration – Finance and Accounting. In his application for the Planning Commission position, he stated. “I am familiar with city planning and zoning, and have dealt with City Councils and Planning and Zoning Commissions during the course of doing business in the state, county, and [with] various city governments. I know what it is

like to sit on the public side of a Planning and Zoning meeting, and what it entails to get to that stage. My biggest concern is the importance of timeliness in decision making, and the results of those decisions.”

**Lindsay Holt** – Lindsay Holt is Senior Planner/Project Manager for The Holt Group, Inc., headquartered in El Centro, CA. Primary responsibilities include liaison and interaction with various cities in the Imperial Valley of Southern California. She has an MPA from San Diego State University and has worked as a City Planner. As a City Planner she implemented the General Plan and Zoning Ordinances in Blythe, CA.

In introducing herself in her application for the Planning Commission, she stated. “I have diligently worked with many municipalities in California and Arizona on developing and implementing their budgetary, strategic, and development plans. ...I have also served as Project Manager and Lead Planner for numerous public works and private development projects.”

*Holdover Commissioners still serving are: Tom Bowen, Brad Jorgensen, JoAnn Frost, Perry Bolyard and Amy Rosevear.*

## TAVACI/CRR COMMITTEE AT WORK

As announced in the January NEWS JOURNAL, a citizen committee has now been formed and charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the City Council regarding land-use changes or the Tavaci property and specifically the creation of a Canyon Resort Residential zone (CRR). Such a change would allow the Tavaci developer to construct shops, restaurants, hotels, etc., in addition to condominiums, on the plateau above the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Current zoning allows the construction of 43 upscale single family residences. One partially-finished house is under construction.

This proposed change request has generated considerable interest and some heat as it has been considered by the City's Planning Commission and City Council. In an attempt to separate actuality from conjecture, the City Council appointed a Tavaci/CRR Committee to analyze and objectify the questions before the City.

The committee was appointed during December and January, but the holidays impacted their deliberations. To date (Jan. 27), the committee has met once in an

organizing and scheduling session. They have set their own rules and procedures for receiving input and for discussions. They will meet each Thursday evening in February at 7:00 p.m. (except Feb. 4), a total of five meetings. At that time, they plan to formulate recommendations for the City's decision-making bodies. All meetings will be held at the City offices, 1265 E. Fort Union, in the Council Chambers (Suite 300) and are open to the public for observation. Public comment before the committee is by invitation only. General public comments will be sought at a later time by the City Council.

The committee is comprised of residents of the entire City and includes: Gordon Walker (chair), Carl Blanda, Ronald Moffit, Sue Ryser, Will McCarvill, Bill Carrigan, Kris Mateus, David Rees, Dr. Brian Homer, Lindsay Holt, Joanne Frost, Niels Valentiner, and Neal Stowe. City Development Director Michael Black will staff the committee.

Following the committee's deliberations, and depending on their recommendations, a timeline will be established for future public comment periods and a date for further Council action.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The February meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, February 2nd**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 9th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Monday, February 15th!**
- **Tuesday, February 16th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 23rd**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 2nd.**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting



## City Council Receives New Assignments

For the first time since the City was incorporated, five years ago, there will be some changes in assignments for the members of the City Council. With two veteran members of the Council gone and two new members now serving, it became necessary for Mayor Cullimore to shuffle individual assignments.

In the Council/Manager form of government, under which Cottonwood Heights operates, the Mayor and Council comprise the legislative body for the City, and their responsibilities are much like a Senate in the State or National legislative bodies. The Council's most public responsibilities are to adopt a budget and set the tax rate in addition to setting policy for the City. They also hire a City Manager to function as the City's Chief Administrative Officer and carry-out that policy. Secondary responsibilities include an advise and consent role for selected City Manager appointments, and oversight of City government by serving as liaison to some City and other government committees. They also serve as members of boards and committees having duties that in some way impact the City.

**The new assignments were parceled out at a recent Council meeting as follows:**

**Councilperson Gordon Thomas, District #1**, was elected by the Council to serve as Mayor Pro-Tempore and handle the mayor's duties when the Mayor is not available due to absence from the City or inability to function for other reasons. Councilman Thomas will also represent the City on the Valley Emergency Communication Committee (VECC), which is the 911 provider for the City's emergency services. He is also on the City Emergency Planning Committee, the County Emergency Managers group, and liaison to the Association of City Councils.

**Councilperson Scott Bracken, District #2**, was re-appointed as Council Representative to the Youth City Council and as liaison to the various City event committees (Butterville Days, etc.), and he serves on the Website and Information Technology Committee for the City.

**Councilperson Nicole Omer, District #3**, is newly elected to the Council. Her assignments include: membership on the Audit committee, Old Mill Committee, Homeless Committee (LRPC),

representative to the Sanitation District, and liaison to the City Arts Council.

**Councilman Tee Tyler, District #4**, also newly elected, is a member of the Mosquito Abatement District Board, on the Utah League of Cities and Towns Legislative Policy Committee, liaison to the City Historical Committee and to the Cottonwood Heights Parks and Recreation Service Area.

**Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr.** will continue to serve as liaison to the Canyons School District and to serve on the boards or as a committee member of Wasatch Front Regional Council, Council of Governments, Conference of Mayors, Unified Fire Authority and its Finance Committee, Old Mill Citizens Committee, Audit Committee, TRCC, and Transcom. He is also Chair of the City Council.

Each councilperson will also receive other assignments from time to time and will, of course, be responsible for representing their Council district in Council deliberations and provide oversight for all City's functions, including financial processes.

## David Muir Recognized for 2009 Audit Report

A representative of Larson & Rosenberger, LLP, CPA's, recently appeared before the City Council to report on the findings of their audit of the 2009 financial records of the City. He reported to the City Council that there were "no findings," which, in CPA-speak, is tantamount to perfection. Mayor Cullimore commented on the report and recognized David Muir, City Director of Finance, for his excellence in accounting for the City's money.

**The official report states:** "... the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Cottonwood Heights, as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position, where applicable, and the budgetary comparison for the general fund thereof for the period then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. "

David Muir has been responsible for accounting for the City's fund expenditures and revenue collection since the City was incorporated in January of 2005. He also worked as a volunteer, prior to formal incorporation, in developing the City's first budget and in setting up the financial accounting processes that are



currently employed in the City.

Dave is also President of the Utah Government Finance Officers Association (UGFOA) where he is associated with other Finance Directors throughout the state. They meet on a regular basis to discuss matters germane to government accounting requirements. Prior to working for the City, he was the Manager of Internal Audit for Mrs. Fields Cookies and was Chapter President of the Institute of Internal Auditors. His first government work was with Salt Lake County as an Internal Auditor. He also worked as a Chief Deputy to one of the County Commissioners under the old commission form of county government. Dave is a graduate of LDS Business College and the University of Utah. He also has an MBA from Utah State University.



## CHPD HIRES TWO

An officer and a victim advocate are the newest employees to don a CHPD uniform and accept responsibilities in our City as protectors of our safety and quality of life. According to Assistant Chief Paul Brennehan, Sam Dawson, a 13-year law enforcement veteran and April Ryce, a recent graduate of the University Utah's Graduate School of Social Work, are both now working full-time for CHPD.

### Sam Dawson

came to Cottonwood Heights with 13 years experience in all phases of police work. He is a trained Accident Reconstructionist with hundreds of hours training and investigations. He has spent time on the Motor Squad and in DUI enforcement, as well as being a Crisis Intervention Officer with specific experience working with people with mental health issues. Prior to leaving his previous post, Officer Dawson was presented the Chief's Star for his work in organizing a health and safety fair sponsored jointly by the police and fire departments. He was awarded Officer of the Year in 2002.



### April Ryce

Ms. Ryce moved to Cottonwood Heights in 2008 when she enrolled at the University of Utah to complete her graduate work. She now has a Master's Degree in Social Work with emphasis on Criminal Justice. While completing her degree, she assisted victim advocates in Murray City in evaluating victim's rights and law enforcement's response to victims of domestic violence. Prior to coming to Cottonwood Heights, she worked in Logan as an Advocate Intern Case Worker and a weekend shelter manager at a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. While there, she also completed her Domestic Violence Training and received a Domestic Violence Certification for the State of Utah. She has completed an internship at Valley Mental Health's Community Treatment Program as a crisis worker and is a member of the Salt Lake Area Domestic Violence Counsel.





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## January Happenings in Photos



New Officer Sam Dawson  
and wife



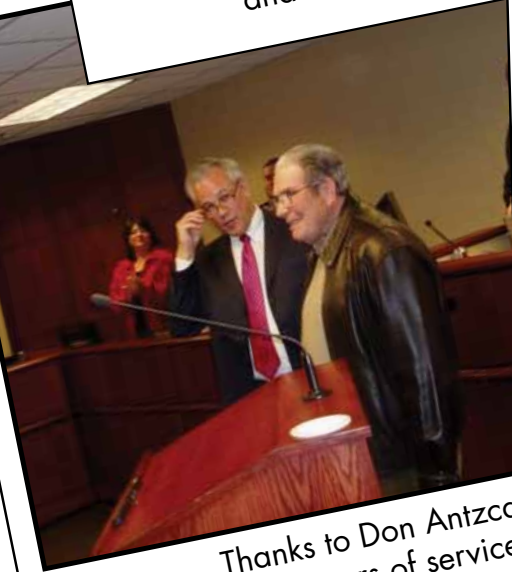
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to Bruce Jones



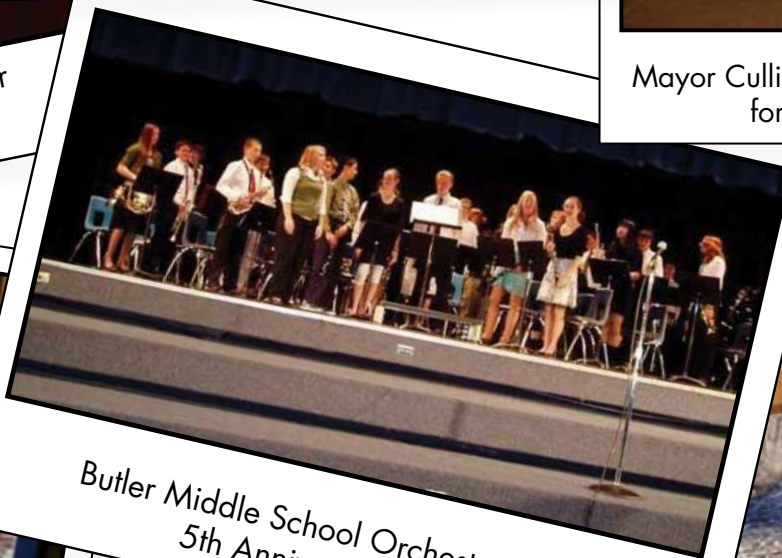
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Mayor Cullimore thanks Stephanie Archibald  
for Valley Journal coverage



Thanks to Don Antzac for  
years of service



Butler Middle School Orchestra at the  
5th Anniversary Party



Youth Art Exhibit at Anni-  
versary Party



Covered Bridge over Big Cottonwood  
Creek under construction



Brighton High School Madrigals  
at Anniversary Party



Corbett Ford is promoted  
to sergeant by Chief Russo



Dan Bartlett's sergeant badge  
is pinned on by his wife



## United States Census 2010

The U. S. Constitution, Article I, Section II, Paragraph [3], requires that every ten years a census or “enumeration” be conducted in order to determine the population of the various congressional districts and states for apportionment purposes. Shortly following each decennial census, congress, state legislatures, and in some instances, city and county councils are redistricted to assure equality with the one man/one vote rule. This is not a Constitutional requirement; it was mandated later by a Supreme Court decision. None of this applies to U. S. Senators, however, because every state has two of those, regardless of population. It does apply to all other legislative bodies that are elected by “the people.”

This original purpose for the census is still germane; however, other issues have surfaced that are also influenced by the findings of the census. These include issues such as federal funding for education, highways, social programs, etc. All of these, of course, have significance to the budgets of states, counties, cities, and school districts throughout the country.

So why does this all matter to John and Jane Doe living on Canyon Blvd., in Cottonwood Heights, UT? It matters because as citizens of this great country and this pretty, great state, their existence means dollars to the governments that represent them in their states. It also contributes toward a determination of how many congressmen or women will ultimately represent their state in congress. An example of the significance of this is in our own state. In the 2000 census, Utah came up just 800 people short of getting a fourth seat in Congress. That seat instead went to Tennessee; and that state has benefited for ten years by having an additional Congressman and receiving more federal funds to help finance state and local projects.

Enough theory, the bottom line is that sometime during the next couple of months (February and March), each residence in the City should receive a 2010 Census Questionnaire. This one-page document contains just ten questions. Every head of household will be asked to complete and return the form in a timely manner. That’s a far cry from the 232 questions that were rumored to be on the form in 1940. The actual form ended up with 64 questions. Today, we have only 16% of that number - 10 questions; Who cannot answer 10 questions?

So what are the questions? Anyone wanting to read them all, in advance, can go to [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) and check them out. That site will tell you a lot more than you can possibly want to know about the census. (Then again,

maybe we’ve already reached that point with this article.) For those not wanting to research on the web, here are a couple of sample questions:

1. **How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?**
2. **Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? This question then gives you 5 choices which can be answered by checking a box.**
3. **What is your telephone number?**

See, those questions are not difficult. Admittely the other 7 require a bit more thought, but not much. And almost all of them are fill-in-the-small-square-block answers. There are no essay questions.

A couple of additional facts of which you should be aware are: federal law requires that you participate in the census and it will take less than 10 minutes to complete — probably less. Federal law also protects the personal information you share (such as telephone numbers).

One other thought. If the census questionnaire is not returned in a timely manner you will be contacted by phone and in person until you take the 10 minutes required to complete it and send it in. Get it over with. Sit down and complete it when it arrives. It doesn’t need to be signed. Even if you are totally apathetic toward things governmental and/or political, be compassionate and save the government some money by not requiring them to employ someone to find you and help you complete the form.

**QUESTIONS? CALL THE CENSUS BUREAU**— Regional Office 1-800-852-6159 – or surf the website listed above and find the answers.



## February Safety Message

The recent earthquakes in Haiti have shaken countries around the world to their core. The death toll is estimated at 200,000 and many more have been left homeless. The fighting for water and rioting for food in Haiti should serve as a reminder to Utahns that we must prepare now for a potential disaster in our communities. The two most important questions for you to ask yourself are:

***Do you have enough water to survive following an earthquake?***

Each person and pet in your family should have three gallons of water stored for the first 72 hours. You should store the recommended amount of water, but your water heater can also serve as an emergency tank if you have it secured to the wall so it doesn’t spill during the quake.

***What additional challenges will you have if an earthquake strikes in the winter?***

Unlike Haiti and Southern California, it gets cold in Utah. Do you have a sleeping bag or another way to stay warm if suddenly displaced? Keep supplies that help fend off the elements near your 72 hour kits during the winter months.

**Other recommended basic emergency supplies include:**

At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food  
First aid kit  
Flashlight and extra batteries  
Battery powered or hand crank radio

*For more tips like these, please visit [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org) or [www.bereadyutah.gov](http://www.bereadyutah.gov) today. Make a plan, get a kit, be informed and get involved. **ARE YOU READY?***



Assist Chief Mike Watson





# Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

online registration now available at **cottonwoodheights.com**

COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS  
PARKS & RECREATION



## LEARN TO SKATE (LTS) LESSONS

We have a Learn to Skate class that is just right for you. LTS includes 30 minutes of lesson time, 15 minutes of practice, skate rental, and 6 FREE public skating sessions. All ages and levels available. Call 801.943.3190 or register online.

**LTS Winter Session 2**

Tues. 6-6:45 PM	Wed. 6-6:45 PM	Sat. 10-10:45 AM
Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27
April 6	April 7	April 10, 17

## SPECIAL TWO FOR ONE DEAL

**Feb. 13-14**

Bring a friend to CHRC Feb. 13 and 14 and get them in FREE with your paid admission. Try out our heated public pools, our Olympic sized ice arena, and our new fabulous aquacise classes.

## WINTER SWIMMING LESSONS

Learn to swim year round with our qualified instructors. All ages and levels available for learning swimming basics.

**Winter Session 4**  
Feb. 17-26  
\*In-person registration Feb. 10-18

**Winter Session 5**  
Mar. 1-12  
\*In-person registration Feb. 24-Mar. 2

## KEEP YOUR EXERCISE RESOLUTIONS AFFORDABLY

We'll help you keep your new exercise resolutions: we are an affordable full family fitness and recreation facility.

- New Spin Bikes
- New Aquacise Classes
- New Cardio & Strength Equipment
- Over 80 Fitness Classes Per Week

~ Take a FREE tour and check our facility out. ~

## TWO FOR ONE SWEETHEART SKATE

**Feb. 13** **6:00-8:00 PM**

Come to our Sweetheart Skate and get your sweetie in FREE with your paid admission. Enjoy listening to love songs as you ice skate in our new cool Olympic sized ice arena.

## LEARN TO SKATE (LTS) SPRING SHOW

Sign-up now for our Spring LTS Show session. Cost includes: costume, choreography, 3 practices, dress rehearsal, and 2 Show nights. Call 801.943.3190 or register online.

**LTS Spring Show Session**  
Sat. 10:30-11 AM  
Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13

**SPRING SHOW**  
**Mar. 19 & 20**

**801.943.3190    7500 S. 2700 E. Cottonwood Heights, UT,    next to Butler Middle School**

Cottonwood Heights, in cooperation with Unified Fire Authority, would like to announce an upcoming 7 week CERT training course, being held at the LDS Butler Stake, located at 7035 Nutree Dr (3340 E). The schedule is as follows:

**Thursday's – 6:30pm-9:30pm    February 4, 11, 18 (NO CLASS February 25) March 4, 11, 18, 25**

These classes are taught by trained personnel from our fire department and help prepare volunteers with the necessary skills for helping others in times of disaster. Come and learn to help your neighborhood be better prepared.

Topics taught during the class include:

- Disaster awareness
- Fire safety (including fire extinguisher use)
- Emergency medical skills
- Light search and rescue
- Psychology of disasters
- Emergency organizational skills

**Cost: \$30** (includes helmet, vest, first aid gear and textbook.)  
\*Participants will need to bring safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy work boots\*

## Senior Citizens Invited To Participate

Local Senior Citizens are now invited to participate in some of the activities offered to residents of various Cottonwood Heights' Assisted and Independent Living Centers. Kevin Smith, Deputy City Manager, has been in discussion with activity directors at both Canyon Creek Senior Living {7235 South Union Park Ave. (1300 East)}, and Coventry Independent Retirement Living (6898 South 2300 East). Both facilities have invited Senior Citizens in the community to participate with residents and other community members in some of the many activities provided for them.

For example, Coventry Independent Retirement Living has a Community Wellness Center that schedules visits from professionals to perform health screenings and answer general health questions. A menu of their services follows:

- Wellness Center:** This facility is open every Monday and Wednesday from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. FREE consultations and evaluations.
- Monthly Wellness Seminars:** A series of classes on topics such as:

staying independent, understanding the healthcare system, nutrition advice for the elderly, keeping humor in your life, proper hydration, osteoporosis, fall prevention, first aid, keeping fit, preventing depression, what is normal aging?, proper foot-care, and other topics by request.

- Monthly Coumadin Clinic:** First Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM
- Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks:** Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
- Advise Nurse:** Monday and Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Wellness Center. No question is unimportant.

**The Canyon Creek Senior Living facility has the following activities:**

- Alzheimer Support Group:** Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 PM
- Valentine Dance:** Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 PM.
- Chocolate Popcorn Bingo Night:** Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 7:00 PM



Pre-Registration for all classes is required and must be done online at [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org) or contact UFA at 801-743-7150 or email [communityassistance@ufa-slco.org](mailto:communityassistance@ufa-slco.org)